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STATE ROUTE 62 PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Morongo Valley – Caltrans continues construction on State Route 62 and moves to the final phase of work for Segments 1 & 2 of the safety improvement project. Paving and grinding will begin on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 with lane closures from Hess Blvd. to Scholl Drive. The work hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

One lane in each direction will be open during work hours and traffic will be restored to two lanes in each direction during non-work hours. Left turns from the center lane will be restricted during work hours. Motorists are advised to use cross streets for crossing SR-62.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will assist with traffic control and traffic fines will be doubled in the construction zone.

The project will realign, repave, add curb and gutter and widen shoulders in Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley. Segment 3 will begin in late summer and the project is expected to be complete in fall 2006.

Motorists are advised to merge early for lane closures and slow down. Drivers who wait until the last second to merge, in an effort to get a better place in traffic lines, often cause a deadly chain reaction of multiple rear-end collisions further back down the line.

SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!

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